Extract of a Letter — have rec'd Advices this Evening, fr
Continental Congreſs, that they have Appointed Col. Washinton General
of your Army, with Such Encomiums on his Skill & Accomplishments,
agreeable Deportment, and such weighty reasons for his Appointmen,
as I doubt not will render it highly Acceptable to you, all, —
That Eight or ten Companies of the most expert Rifle Men, all Warries,
are coming fast as poſsible to your Aſsistance, from Pensylvania &
Virginia — That they have eſtablish'd a Continental Fund, by Paper
Bills, on the Credit of all the Colonies, redeamable by all ~~the~~ in proper
proportions, near as they are able to fix it; & Subject to Alterations —
have receiv'd from them Proclamations for a General Fast 20 July,
New York have order'd you half Tun of Powder, they hear you have
receiv'd 60 Barrels from Rhode Island —— have receiv'd a Coppy of a
Letter from London 25 April, which is receiv'd by Mr Hancock
and may depended on, informing that Administration rec'd on Fryday
before Letters from General Gage, Acknowledging the receipt of the
Kings Orders, to seize and send home, Hancock Cushing, Adams &c,
but the writer says, (he) Gage, had not receiv'd the Second Orders
which were to hang them in Boston — That G Gage expreſses his
Fears in executing the first, and delay'd in hopes of their being
reverſsed as the executing them, would he Apprehends be fatal to
himself and the Kings Troops, as the Maſsachusetts had at least
15000 Men ready train'd &c, beside Every Rhoade Occupy'd by the
Militia, to prevent his Marching into the Country, and therefore
earnestly wishes a Reinforcement, if the Order must be effected
The General wrote also that the Standard was hoisted at Salem and
multitudes flocking to it, which would not be the Case with
a Royall Standard — added that he now believ'd America would
Carry their Point, that many in Administration were of the same
Mind, and sincerely wish'd they had persu'd more gentle measures with
the Colonies. He said Lord North was evindently uneasy, and that
Government dreaded the advice by the April Packet, that they
Suppreſsed the Intiligence of Governor Gage's because of the Instant
Effect it would have on the Stocks — He Acknowledged the

Nation was ready for a Revolution, if any enterprising Genious would Step forth, and which woud certainly be the Case, if Blood was once Drawn in America, He blames Hutchinson much & says Administration charges him with Duplicity, in telling them they ought to have been more Active, and then they would have made ye Massachusetts Submt— To others that Administration had gone much further than he had advised, be this as it may he added (that is the steady Friend first mentioned) That the King consults him and Places Confidence in ~~him~~ what he says, and has actually fix'd his Sallery at £2000 ℘ Annum for Life, which much Chagrin'd some of the Administration, who ardently wish'd ~~to~~ him given up a Sacrifice to both Countries

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